(b) how much level of fluoride has reached per litre in North Eastern States;

(c) the number of districts of Assam and other States of the Region affected due to presence of iron and other material in ground water; and

(d) whether Government have taken/are taking steps to check the level of fluoride?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) As a result of water quality survey conducted by North Eastern States as on 1.4.2006, only Assam has been reported to be affected with excess fluoride i.e. more than 1.50 mg/1 in rural drinking water sources.

(c) 9 districts of Arunachal Pradesh, 22 districts of Assam, 5 districts, of Manipur, 6 districts of Meghalaya, 7 districts of Mizoram, one district in Nagaland, 3 districts in Sikkim and 3 districts of Tripura have been reported with excess iron concentration in drinking water sources.

18 districts of Assam and one districts of Tripura have reported excess arsenic concentration in rural drinking water sources.

4 districts of Arunachal Pradesh, 19 districts of Assam, 2 districts of Tripura have reported multiple problems in rural drinking water sources.

(d) Rural drinking water supply is a State subject. Government of India assists the State Governments technically and financially through the centrally sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme. Regular water quality testing is being done by the district water quality testing laboratories. National Rural Drinking Water Quality Monitoring & Surveillance Programme has been launched in 2006, which aims at checking quality of all rural drinking water sources by the community themselves by using simple to use field test kits.

Job cards under NREGA in NE

1769. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of job cards issued under the National Rural Employment

Guarantee Act during the last one year, State-wise, particularly in the North Eastern Region;

(b) the amount released to States therefor, State-wise, and the amount that has been utilized particularly in Assam; and

(c) the number of households benefited and mandays of work generated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRl CHANDRASEKHAR SAHU): (a) to (c) A statement showing the State-wise requisite details is given below.

Statement

Details regarding job cards alongwith expenditure under NREGA

(Rs. in lakh)

States	No.of households issued jobcards (Upto January 2007)	Release (2005-06)	Release (2006-07) Upto 12th March 2007	Expenditure (2006-07) Upto January 2007	No. of House-holds Employ-ment (Upto January, 07)	Mandays Employ-ment Genera-ted (2006-07) Upto January 2007 (Lakh Mandays)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Andhra Pradesh	4926094	16474.81	96461.43	46542.63	1788112	503.32
Arunachal Pradesh	16926	446.31	1210.85	221.34	16926	4.53
Assam	777295	33650.13	21470.85	40013.46	503166	401.8
Bihar	3171198	30806.3	46081.38	45176.18	886916	297.24
Chhattisgarh	1815057	785	60716.74	44074.37	1045279	467.9
Gujarat	622608	4241.12	6508.94	5799.71	146943	67.89
Haryana	91497	873.82	3129.39	2384.24	39128	17.35
Himachal Pradesh	93342	898.37	3707.64	2153.96	52632	17.34

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Jammu and Kashmir	162196	1135.29	2776.37	1062.65	16079	9.65
Jharkhand	2098713	23429.66	51388.59	36959.43	846401	308.14
Karnataka	771175'	4402.1	19095.69	18383.74	478767	163.41
Kerala	191752	1169.18	2179.51	870.97	60391	7.41
Madhya Pradesh	4435996	13713.82	178954.2	138284.72	2582117	1590.73
Maharashtra	2744127	19743.56	19235.64	16733.47	353338	229.09
Manipur	17880	461.63	1252.89	950.00	17880	8.26
Meghalaya	39658	1457.87	2064.68	121.28	12642	2.01
Mizoram	19388	770.91	1783.9	1028.34	6666	2.37
Nagaland	27800	1031.28	430.11	1327.91	27800	11.82
Orissa	2507736	7384.75	75456.49	42468.08	1264957	506 64
Punjab	37326	822.54	2755.75	1727.12	30868	11.08
Rajasthan	1513228	4142.11	73661	50622.15	1094229	806.21
Sikkim	4384	722.16	451.5	212.59	3863	2.01
Tamil Nadu	1087595	6571.72	17089.21	10787.8	508243	129.13
Tripura	72481	2572.97	1914.66	4200.56	66656	45.58
Uttar Pradesh	3860951	33242.07	51188.69	60449.88	2326348	617.64
Uttaranchal	194577	1269.11	3910.6	3201.54	107192	26.46
West Bengal	4866988	17038.15	33858.84	25852.8	2425415	280.98
TOTAL :	36167968	229256.74	778735.54	601610.93	16708954	6535.99

Rajiv Gandhi National Rural Water Project in Orissa

1770. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister pf RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Centre propose to sanction Rs 38 crore under the Rajiv Gandhi National Rural Water Supply Project for alternative water supply provision to certain village in Orissa; and